

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A sanitizable float valve to be used in water purification circulation, said valve comprising:

a body (1) defining a valve chamber(1),

a fluid inlet (6) disposed in said body (1) fluidly communicating with said chamber;

a fluid outlet (8) disposed in said body (1) fluidly communicating with said chamber; and

a closing element (2) placed into said valve chamber of said body (1),~~the body,~~
~~the length of said closing element having a length being~~ essentially ~~bigger longer~~ than ~~[[the]]~~ a diameter of ~~[[the]]~~ said closing element,

~~and a float connected to a lever arm (4) for controlling the closing element,~~

~~characterized in that the allowance between the~~ wherein said valve chamber of
[[the]] said body (1) and [[the]] said closing element (2) are dimensioned to form an allowance
~~therebetween allows a part of the liquid flow to discharge through this allowance thus~~
~~flushing said surfaces when the valve is open and wherein fluid exiting said valve exits~~
through said allowance or through said fluid outlet (8) when said valve is open.

2. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said
closing element (2) has~~characterized in that the closing element (2) of the valve is equipped~~
~~with~~ a partly convex sealing surface (5) dimensioned to sealingly engage ~~adapting itself to~~
~~the liquid~~ said fluid inlet (6) of [[the]] said valve.

3. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein an end (7) of said closing element~~characterized in, that the end of the closing element (2)~~ opposite to ~~[[the]]~~a front surface is rounded.

4. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said~~characterized in, that the~~ valve chamber ~~has~~is substantially cylindrical in form and ~~[[the]]~~said closing element (2) of ~~[[the]]~~said valve ~~adapting itself thereto has a~~is substantially circular in cross section.

5. (currently amended) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said closing element is made of~~characterized in, that the material of the closing element (2)~~ is PTFE.

Claim 6 (canceled)